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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: ADMIN@USWGO.COM

Mr. Brian D. Hill
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Re: 11-OIA-1125

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is the [electronic] final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), dated August 2, 2011. You were seeking the following documents:

Broad subject: Public record regarding any political profiling documents that specify what groups are monitored under fusion centers all over the country and which kinds of people are profiled. Which you narrowed the scope on October 5, 2011 via email to federaljack.com, infowars.com, activistpost.com, genlive radio and uswgo.com.

A search of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 177 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 177 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(B), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(E).

Enclosed are 177 pages with certain information withheld as described below.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

Exemption 7(B) provides protection for records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when the disclosure would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects,

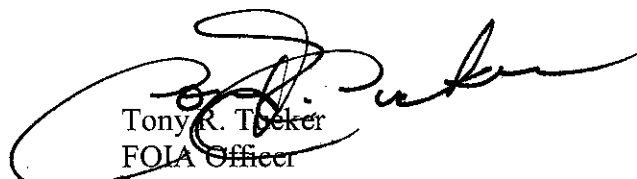
witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

Exemption 7(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. I determined that disclosure of could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additionally, the techniques and procedures at issue are not well known to the public.

Provisions of the FOIA Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge. 6 CFR § 5.11(d)(4).

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to case number **11-OIA-1125**. This office can be reached at (202) 447-4190.

Sincerely,



Tony R. Toker
FOIA Officer
Office of Intelligence and Analysis

Enclosure(s): [Responsive Documents], [177] pages